Minutes

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1953

HELD WITH

HIGH POINT CHURCH

GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 28, 29, 30, 1953

OFFICERS

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator

BROTHER H. M. WILLARD, Clerk

PRESTON L. HELMS, Assistant Clerk

BUSINESS PROCEEDINGS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association met in annual session with High Point Church, Guilford County, North Carolina, Friday, August 28, 1953 and continued through Saturday and Sunday following.

Brethren, sisters and friends assembled at the stand in the grove at 10. a. m. After engaging in songs of praise Elder C. M. Mills led in prayer, followed by Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of High Point Church, delivering the introductory discourse from Luke 1:1.

After the introductory sermon about one hour was taken for refreshment, after which the Association met in the house and engaged in songs of praise followed in prayer by Elder Elzie D. Speir of Conley, Georgia.

High Point Church, with Ministers, Messengers and Brethren composing the Association, proceeded to business as follows:

Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of High Point Church, served as Moderator, and Brother H. M. Willard, Clerk of High Point Church served as Clerk and called Preston L. Helms as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended an invitation to all orderly Baptists who are in peace with their home churches to seat with us.

2. Called for letters from the sister churches composing this Association, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

High Point Church represented by full membership.

Meadow Creek, Brethren R. M. Hatley, N. D. Hathcock, A. F. Almond, and C. A. Hathcock.

Watson: Brethren Preston L. Helms, S. C. Helms, H. N. Curlee, and W. B. Simpson.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren L. W. Auman, C. E. Russell, J. R. Richardson, and E. G. Auman.

High Hill: Brethren Earl Presley, Octavius Helms, Carl Edwards, and C. R. Hill.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Oscar Burris, Hobart Medlin, Ellis Honeycutt, and Craven Furr.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren, Judge Polk, Efird Horne, Melvin Mills, and Glenn Mullis.

Union Grove: Brethren, Harlen Price, Wade Baucom, Tom Honeycutt, and Van Rowell.

Mt. Creek: Brethren Bill Glover, Frank Medlin, Artist Medlin and Cicero Taylor.

Lawyer's Springs: Brethren Lomax Stewart, Cletus Marsh, Robert Horne, and Preston Hasty.

Mills Chapel: Brethren C. J. Mullis, F. L. Nance, L. H. Hargette and T. B. Curlee.

Union: Brethren T. B. Polk, D. F. Morgan, W. R. Coley, and V. H. Solomon.

Bethel: Brethren Robert McLamb, M. D. Anderson, and L. B. Thompson.

Corinth: Brethren Ed Peterson and Walter Peterson.

Park View: Brethren C. L. Parnell, F. C. Williard, H. G. Cole, and Elder D. B. Willard.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None handed in.

4. Elder V. V. Willard, the moderator, was authorized to appoint a committee on preaching and finance.

Committee on preaching: Elders C. M. Mills, D. B. Willard and Brethren Elzie Auman, Luther Caughran and Ellis Honeycutt.

Committtee on finance: Brethren D. Boroughs, R. A. Strickland, A. E. Broome, Lloyd Outen and Rankin Richardson.

5. Called on presbyteries to report:

In regular conference July 25, 1953 Brother Winferd B. Simpson was unanimously placed in the hands of a presbytery by Watson church to be ordained to the work of a deacon.

The presbytery consisted of Elders C. M. Mills, E. H. Simpson and H. L. Poplin, and Deacons Cletus Marsh, C. C. Furr, N. D. Hathcock, Frank Medlin, A. E. Broome, C. W. Griffin, T. B. Polk, F. L. Baucom, Leonard Baucom, Sanford Medlin, Lloyd Outen, J. Troy Simpson and F. O. Helms.

High Hill Church, January 3, 1953

As previously arranged by High Hill church Brethren Octavious Helms and Howard Edwards were delivered into the hands of a presbytery and ordained to the office of deacons.

The presbytery consisted of Elders V. V. Willard, George T. Tate and C. M. Mills, and Deacons S. H. Edwards, Earl Presley, C. C. Willard, E. F. Lambert, C. M. Taylor, Cletus Marsh, F. L. Baucom, Sanford Medlin, Leonard Baucom, C. C. Furr, N. D. Hathcock, W. M. Nance, Roy E. Speir, J. T. Simpson, Fulton Helms, Lloyd Outen, and Frank Medlin.

Mt. Creek, March 1952

By request of Mt. Creek Church, Stanly County, North Carolina, a presbytery was organized by the following ministers and deacons: Elders C. M. Mills, D. B. Willard and H. L. Poplin and Deacons W. M. Nance, C. M. Taylor, F. L. Baucom, Sanford Medlin, W. L. Solomon, Fred Lee Honeycutt, Ellis Lambert, J. W. Harwood, N. D. Hathcock, Craven Furr and Lloyd Outen, and ordained Brethren Frank Medlin, and Charlie Vanhoy to the office of deacons of Mt. Creek Church.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us.

Silver Creek: Elders L. L. Huffman, Henry C. McMillon, Brethren C. D. McGee and Sam Hartley.

Little River of N. C.: Elder J. S. Collins, J. T. Lewis, J. S. Stephenson, Brethren Stokes Lawrence, R. D. Woodard, Alex Atkinson and J. D. Stancil, R. H. Clifton and A. W. Slaughter and others.

Little River of Georgia: Elder R. E. Cagle and Brother J. W. Garrison.

Mt. Zion: Not represented.

South Arkansas: Not represented.

Sequachie Valley and Collins River: Not represented.

Tennessee and Nolechucky: Elders Harold Tipton, Otha E. Henry,

Powell's Valley: Elders Alonzo Waggoner and wife, A. A. Miracle, Fred Clayton, Brethren Arthur Miracle and wife, Floyd Raley and wife, and W. A. Brannon and wife.

7. Invited visiting Brethren and Sisters from Sister Churches and Associations with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us:

Ray's Fork Church, Scott County, Ky.: Elder C. L. Ratcliff and wife and Brother Kenneth Ratcliff and wife.

Original Towaliga of Georgia: Elder Elizie D. Speir.

Friendship Association of Georgia: Elder J. A. Monsees.

Ebenezer Association of Georgia: Elder J. A. Monsees.

Chotawatchee Association of Ala.: Elder S. J. B. Dallas and wife.

Canoochie Association: Brother Hooks.

Quite a number of ministers, brethren and sisters were present from Danville, Martinsville and Mill churches in Virginia.

Ebenezer, Va.: Elder J. H. Daily and wife.

Greenfield of Tenn.: Licentiate J. D. Jones.

Pulaski Association: Elder George A. Hill and wife.

Antioch of Alabama: Elder W. A. Talbert and wife.

Blue Ridge of Georgia: Elders T. C. Mooney and Lloyd Parker.

Ocmulgee of Georgia: Brother W. H. Ivey.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders E. H. Simpson and H. L. Poplin.

Little River of N. C.: Elders C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard D. B. Willard, and E. H. Simpson.

Little River of Georgia: Elder V. V. Willard.

:South Arkansas: Elder C. M. Mills.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder C. M. Mills and E. H. Simpson.

Tennessee and Nolechucky: Elder D. B. Willard.

Sequachie Valley and Collins River: Elder V. K. Willard.

Powell's Valley: Elder C. M. Mills.

9. By motion it was unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations which we now correspond with.

10. On motion Elder H. L. Poplin was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this Association.

11. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday, August 29, at 9:30 a. m.

Benediction by Elder Alonzo Waggoner of the Powell's Valley Association.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met in the house Saturday, August 29 at 9:30 a. m. After singing, and prayer by Elder G. A. Hill, Pulasky of Georgia, continued with business as follows:

12. Called on finance committee to report. Report as follows:

Donations by churches	$711.75
Donations by congregations	75.00

13. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes to corresponding associations as usual.

14. Called for corresponding letter, which was read and unanimously adopted.

15. —On motion it was unanimously agreed that we hold our next session of the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association with Meadow Creek Church, Stanly County, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1954, and continue through Saturday and Sunday following, and that the pastor of Meadow Creek church preach the introductory sermon.

16. On motion unanimously agreed that we have 1100 copies of this minute printed and distributed to churches and associations as usual, and that Preston L. Helms superintend the printing and distribution of same and that he be allowed $85.00 for printing, mailing and clerks services,

17. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that allowed for printing, mailing, and clerk's services, to ministers as the finance committee may deem proper.

18. By unanimous agreement the Association returns thanks to God for His mercy, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of High Point Church and vicinity for their kind hospitality and entertainment afforded during this session of the Association.

We also wish to express our many thanks and appreciation to Chief Stokes and his force in directing traffic during this meeting.

19. Agreed to adjourn to time and place above mentioned. Benedition by Elder J. S. Harris.

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator.
BROTHER H. M. WILLARD, Clerk.
PRESTON L. HELMS, Assistant Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Donations by churches	$711.75
Donations by friends	75.00
Total donations	786.75

Expenditures

Printing Minutes	$ 55.00
Mailing and clerk services	30.00
Distributed ministers	701.75
Total	$786.75

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder V. V. Willard. Text: Luke 7:13.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder T. C. Jones,. Failed to get text.
Elder A. A. Miracle. Failed to get text.

FRIDAY NIGHT

(High Point)

Elder L. L. Huffman opened service.
Elder Alonzo Waggoner. Text: Rev. 7:9.

(Pleasant Hill)

Elder Fred C. Clayton. Text: 48 Psalm.
Elder S. J. B. Dallas. Text: Rev. 1: 4-6.

(Parkview)

Elder J. S. Collins. Text: John 1:1.
Elder W. A. Talbert. Text: Rev. 20:6.

(Liberty Hill)

Elder Otha Henry. Text: John 10:10.
Elder Harold Tipton. Text: Ecle. 11:11:

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder E. D. Bryant. Text: 2nd Tim. 2:16.
Elder J. H. Daily. Failed to get text.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff. Text: 23rd Psalm.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder George A. Hill, 2nd Cor. 5:21.
Elder Henry C. McMillon. Texa 2nd Peter 3:9.
Elder J. S. Stephenson. Text: Rom. 10:1.

SATURDAY NIGHT

(High Point)

Elder T. C. Mooney. Text: Rom. 8:28.
Elder Harold Tipton. Text: 1st Cor. 13:13.

(Parkview)

Elder Edward Cagle. Text: Matt. 10:5.
Elder George A. Hill. Text: Rom. 1:3.

There were two sermons at Pleasant Hill and also two at Liberty Hill but failed to get ministers names and texts.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder Lloyd E. Parker opened services by prayer.
Elder J. A. Monsees. Text: 1st Timothy 3:15.
Elder J. T. Lewis. Failed to get text.
Elder E. D. Speir. Text: 1st Peter 4:1.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder S. J. B. Dallas. Text: The Eternal God Is Our Refuge.
Elder W. A. Talbert. No special text.

ELDER A. N. GREEN

Elder A. N. Green died June 2, 1953 at about the age of 75.

He was a member of Corinth Primitive Baptist church of Kings Mountain, N. C., and had been preaching for forty years.

A faithful servant has left us and we regret our loss but we have hope to meet him in a home beyond where troubles can never come.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, R-2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, R-6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, R-4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, R-2, Albemarle, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. S. Collins, R-1, Angier, N. C.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Benson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Coats, N.C.
Elder H. C. McMillon, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder L. L. Huffman, R-4, Asheville, N. C.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff, 705 Philadelphia St., Covington, Ky.
Eldeer Elzie D. Speir, Conley, Ga.
Elder J. A. Monsees.
Elder Elzie D. Bryant.
Elder S. J. B. Dallas, Headland, Ala.
Elder J. H. Daily.
Elder R. E. Cagle, Rosewell, Ga.
Elder Harold Tipton, Towsend, Tenn.
Elder Otha E. Henry, R1 Towsend, Tenn.
Elder Geoorge A. Hill, Pineview, Ga.
Elder T. C. Mooney.
Elder Fred Clayton.
Elder A. A. Miracle, 1306 Beaumont Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.
Elder Alonzo Waggoner.
Elder Thomas E. Jones, Slocumb St., Carmi, Ill.
Elder Lloyd Parker.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the ministers and messengers of the Original Bear Creek Association, and visiting brethren. Greetings:

We are thankful to God we are still in peace. Having a united ministry and united body.

We believe in salvation by grace, God alone saving us according to His purpose and grace. We believe all the Adamic race are under the moral law of God. But it does not carry us to heaven. We believe God's children are responsible for their conduct. In obeying the commands of Christ we enjoy the temporal salvation Christ promised us, peace, rest of soul and joys of the Holy Spirit.

In disobeying the commands of Christ we meet the judgements of Him, while we live here. We rest in hope of the resurrection. The children of God will be raised to live with Him in body. The wicked will be raised to suffer forever for their sins.

In Hope,

ELDER H. L. POPLIN.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and The Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament contain the only written revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover him self from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgement.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Recd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	J. L. Deese, Rt. 4, Albemarle, N. C.	3							58	1	$ 86.25
Watson	Elder C. M. Mills	Preston L. Helms, Rt. 3. Marshville, N. C.	1							48	1	$ 44.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Allreads, N. C.	1						1	43	1	$ 45.00
High Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	Martin C. Mills, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.							1	58	1	$ 40.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills	Ellis Honeycutt, Oakboro, N. C.	1					1	1	90	1	$ 50.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	E. A. Broom, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C.			1					63	2	$ 69.00
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	Loyd Outen, 1726 Chestnut St., Charl otte, N. C.	8		1		1	1	1	140	2	$112.00
Mt. Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	G. C. Medlin, 410 Brookwood Ave., Albemarle, N. C.	3							39	3	$ 37.00
Lawyers Springs	Elder V. V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	4							84	1	$ 44.00
Mills Chapel	Elder C. M. Mills											
	Elder D. B. Willard	F. L. Nance, 201 D. Ave., Salisbury, N. C.	1							47	3	$ 40.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	V. H. Solomon, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.	4							34	1	$ 35.00
Bethel	Elder C. M. Mills											
	Elder D. B. Willard	W. J. McLamb, Shalotte, N. C.	2			2		2		57	4	$ 26.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	Walter Peterson, Kings Mountain, N. C.	1					2	1	8	1	$ 5.00
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	W. H. Minter, Winston-Salem, N. C.	2	1						15	1	$ 17.50
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard	H. M. Willard, Winston-Salem, N. C.	11	1		1	1		2	116	4	$100.00
		Donations by Churches										$711.75
		Donations by Friends										$ 75.00
		Total	42	2	2	3	2	5	6	900		$786.75

(Addresses of ministers will be found on page five)